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SUBJ: SINAI II PROBLEMS -- US PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE

REF (A) STATE 223831, (B) CAIRO 12327, (C) TEL AVIV 6295,

1. WISH TO POINT OUT CONFLICT BETWEEN WHAT I RESPONDED TO GEN GAMASY SEP 13 (PARA I REF B) AND WHAT GEN GAZIT ASSERTED TO AMB TOON (PARA 3 REF C) CONCERNING THE SUBSTANCE AND PURPOSE OF THE BLEE-FITZGERALD DISCUSSIONS WITH ISRAELIS. I INTERPRETED REF A TO MEAN THAT SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION WAS THE CRITERIA USED BY OUR PHOTO INTERPRETERS TO IDENTIFY BATTALIONS AND NOT THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE EGYPTIANS HAVE IN FACT HAD EXCESS BATTALIONS IN LIMITED ARMAMENTS ZONE, ALTHOUGH THE LATTER ASPECT IS BOUND TO ENTER THE DISCUSSIONS WINCE IT IS BASIC REASON FOR BLEE-FITZGERALD MISSION. ADDITIONAL MATTER OF FORTIFICATIONS BETWEEN LINES A AND E, WHICH GEN GAZIT WANTS TO DISCUSS, WAS NOT MENTIONED IN REF A.

2. THIS MAY BE ONLY MATTER OF NUANCE, BUT IF I HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD NATURE OF THESE DISCUSSIONS AND THUS MISREPRESENTED THEM TO GEN GAMASY, PLEASE INFORM ME SO THAT I CAN CORRECT GEN GAMASY'S IMPRESSIONS.
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